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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 1997, at 12 noon.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1997

The House met at 9 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We are appreciative, O gracious God, of all those people who use their abilities and gifts in ways that make this institution better, a better place to serve the people of the Nation. We recognize that this day marks the last day of service by the Pages of the House of Representatives, and we express our gratitude to them for their long hours of service and their attention to the business of this Congress. We are indebted to them for the dedication and commitment that they have shown in their tasks and for their faithfulness to their responsibilities.

May the friendships that they have developed here continue to be a blessing in their lives and may Your peace, O God, that is above all of our understanding, keep them all in Your grace, now and evermore. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the JOURNAL of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Oregon [Ms. FURSE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FURSE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### REMEMBERING D-DAY IN NORMANDY

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning mindful of the fact that this is a special day in American history. For one-half century and 3 years ago on this date, the largest amphibious assault in the history of warfare occurred on the shores of Normandy.

Representing the people of the Sixth District of Arizona, I am pleased and proud to represent many veterans, some of whom were there at Normandy that day, some of whom visited with me last Saturday in a townhall meeting at Apache Junction. To those who survived and were victorious in that battle, in that crusade, Dwight Eisenhower called it, in Europe, I believe this House and our Nation continues to owe a debt of gratitude.

So it is in that spirit this morning that I rise, remembering those who paid the ultimate price to remind us all that freedom is not really free, it does involve sacrifice.

Those of us who were part of generations as yet unborn one-half century ago should heed and remember the sacrifice of so many great Americans who joined to preserve our freedoms in this constitutional republic.

So on this date, June 6, 1997, we again acknowledge the sacrifice of so many, the pride of a grateful nation, and we rejoice in our ability to come to this Chamber to discuss our differences openly and honestly and to maintain the integrity of our constitutional republic. Thanks to all of our veterans, and especially those who found themselves in action at Normandy 53 years ago today.

### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

### THE MILITARY SURVIVORS EQUITY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. FILNER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I think it is appropriate following the gentleman from Arizona's remarks on the anniversary of the Normandy invasion that we talk about our veterans in their current situation.

On the first day of the 105th Congress I introduced legislation to terminate the confusing system that discriminates against surviving military spouses when they reach age 62. H.R. 165, the Military Survivors Equity Act, would simply eliminate the callous and absurd reduction in benefits that now

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